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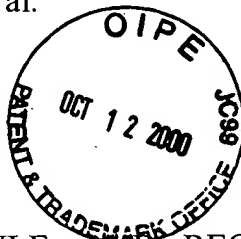
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : BATTERY MODULE, AND RECHARGEABLE BATTERY FOR
CONSTITUTING THE BATTERY MODULE



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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent application:

a) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/668,380, filed September 25, 2000, entitled "Battery Module".

The following recently-filed copending and commonly assigned patent applications have not yet been assigned an application number. Applicants will submit the repective application numbers to the Examiner when they have been assigned:

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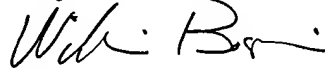
b) U.S. Patent Application, Attorney's docket No. P20082, filed October 6, 2000, entitled "Structure for Fixing Electrode Plate Groups in Cells that Constitue a Battery Module"; and

c) U.S. Patent Application, Attorney's docket No. P20083, filed October 6, 2000, entitled "Structure for Connecting a Plurality of Battery Modules to Constitute a Battery Pack".

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned three applications are not attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Of course, if for any reason the Examiner cannot locate any of the applications, Applicants will provide any requested materials, if possible.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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